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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please carcel Claims 2-11 and 14-20 without prejudice:

Please amend Claims 1 and 12 as follows:

1. (Amended) In a probe device, an improved contact probe comprising:

a film;

a plurality of wiring patterns formed on a first surface of the film, each wiring pattern having a front end portion projecting out from the first surface of the film in a direction parallel to the first surface of the film so as to form contact pins; and

a metal layer provided on a second surface of the film,

wherein the plurality of contact pins include a fabricated bending point at a middle portion in an axial line direction with a Ni plating treatment.

